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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Ricci

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 28 and 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 16-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP 608.02(g). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the fill port (claims 1, 5, 10, 16, 20, 28); additional gate (claims 3, 6, 17, 21, 29); second chamber which is separable from the first chamber (claims 4, 9, 12, 15, 19, 23, 27); and first hopper having an upper portion and lower portion (claim 26) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

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Claims 16-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 16, line 5, there is no antecedent for the "bolt action". In claim 20, line 4, there is no antecedent for the "middle portion"; line 6, no antecedent for the "bolt action".

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lorenzetti 5,166,457.

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Claims 1-9 & 11-29 are not rejected over the prior art.

The prior art does not disclose a device for holding and supplying paint balls to a gun, including a first hollow chamber having an exit to direct paint balls into the breech of the gun; a second hollow chamber in communication with the first hollow chamber; and a gate between the first and second chambers, operating in only one direction to allow balls in the second chamber to flow into the first chamber but not the other way.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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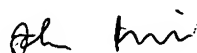
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